

Paraphrasing Poetry

As you read each of the following famous poems, think about what the author is describing to you and what message he/she is trying to convey.

1. Read each poem several times.
2. Focus on the parts you think you understand. Then work on the sections that may be confusing. Look up words you don't know.
3. Write a 7-9 sentence paragraph paraphrasing (restating in your own words) what the poem is about and then state the author's tone (attitude) and message he/she is sending the reader.

Good luck!